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Two city council candidates to field student questions

◆ Thomas Croom and Benson Kirkman will be in Witherspoon Student Center tonight for a debate.

Spaine Stephens
News Editor

Students will have the chance to become involved in local government by posing questions to two District D Raleigh City Council candidates tonight in a Town Hall meeting in Witherspoon Student Center. N.C. State student Thomas Croom and incumbent Benson Kirkman will have a debate in the Student Senate Chambers from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"This comes from an idea I had earlier in the year, considering all the things of high public interest concerning District D," said Natalie Duggins, a CALS senior student senator and one of the organizers of the Town Hall meeting.

Although the idea had been forming for some time, students have come together in the past few days to get the meeting's details panned out.

"After the tragedies of Sept. 11, I think everybody was a little less enthusiastic about working, just because a lot of things just didn't seem important anymore," said Duggins, "but the necessity to ensure that democracy always triumphs over terrorism has pre-

vailed."

And so the show must go on. The debate will be moderated by Association of Student Governments President Andrew Payne, and will be broadcast on WKNC 88.1 FM. Students may call in to the radio station to ask the candidates questions at 515-2400 or 860-0881. They may also pose questions on the AOL IM message to the screen name "wkncrocks." Students may also attend the event and ask their questions there.

Each candidate will have approximately five minutes to present an introduction, followed by a round of prepared questions

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Wilson, Jonathan and Carlos, brothers in the Omega Psi Phi fraternity, show off their steppin' skills on the brickyard.

Pedestrian-friendly measures may lead to reduced crime

◆ Higher visibility of NCSU Public Safety could be causing the campus crime rate to go down.

Spaine Stephens
News Editor

A crackdown of sorts is taking place right here on campus. N.C. State Public Safety is taking measures to enforce speed limits on campus, and the higher visibility of blue lights on campus streets may be contributing to a decreasing crime rate.

"You can attach some of that, at least in theory, that we're out there visible with traffic stops," said Crime Prevention Officer Sgt. Jon Barnwell.

He said the speed limit on campus rarely exceeds 25 mph, which many people believe is unnecessarily slow. With such heavy pedestrian traffic, however, that speed is vital for allowing adequate stopping time, especially when pedestrians often surprise drivers by darting into the street. "Very rarely do you have people taking advantage of crosswalks," said Barnwell. "We do encourage people to utilize crosswalks. People in vehicles understand that they're obligated to stop and let people cross."

Barnwell said officers are addressing the problem of excessive speed on campus not only by enforcement with tickets and citations, but with a requirement for all Public Safety officers to be radar-certified.

"Officers are required to complete radar training, and we have plenty of vehicles with radar," he said.



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Public Safety has increased its visibility on campus.

Public Safety is stressing the proactive measures being taken for the safety of the NCSU community.

"We don't have a quota," he said. "We don't get our kicks writing tickets."

The department is also setting up a position in which an officer will conduct studies of speed and take input from the public.

"People should feel free to call us and let us know if there's a particular area where people usually speed," said Barnwell. "That will be an area we concentrate on."

He said areas on campus that are closely patrolled will be made public on the Public Safety Web site, and people can view those

areas and know where speed limits are more heavily enforced.

"We don't want to write citations," he said.

"If people can find out those areas and if that makes people slow down, we don't have to write citations. We're not doing this at their expense; we're doing it for them."

Barnwell said there are "collateral effects" of Public Safety's enforcement and higher visibility.

"There has been a reduced amount of crime in general," he said. "It's a huge benefit all the way around."

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Two NCSU students receive Udall scholarships

◆ The two NCSU seniors were each one of only 80 students nationwide to receive the award.

Dominique Donato
Staff Reporter

Two N.C. State students have been awarded Morris K. Udall scholarships for the 2001-02 scholarship year, making them a select few out of a group of 80 students nationwide, said Terrence Bracy, chair of the board of trustees of the Morris K. Udall Foundation.

Erk Welf, a senior in chemical engineering and pulp and paper science, and Jennifer King, a senior in environmental engineering and political science, represented NCSU in this competition.

"I am very honored to receive the Udall Scholarship, meant to commemorate the legislative efforts of Morris K. Udall, a past environmentally conscious legislator from the state of Arizona," said King, who is currently studying in Ghana.

The scholarship is based on academic merit and recognizes sophomores and juniors in fields related to the environment, health care or tribal public policy. This year, 74 awards were given to students in envi-

ronmental fields, three to students in health care and three to students in tribal public policy.

The scholarship covers up to \$5,000 in tuition, fees, books and room and board, depending on financial need.

Udall recipients also attend a mandatory orientation in Tucson, Arizona.

"Basically, that was a really great way for all us Udall Scholars to get to know each other and get to know why we were selected as Udall Scholars, and to realize our potential in Native American tribal policy, environmental issues or health care," said Welf.

"It was something that really sort of opened my eyes," he said. "It sort of made me realize what potential we have and how important it is that we all realize that."

The orientation, which lasted two and a half days, was comprised of a series of different speakers who discussed various topics meant to inform the scholars as well as to stimulate conversation among them.

"We had a lot of fun, too," said Welf.

King spoke of her future plans in her chosen field.

"Ideally, I would like to work specifically in developing countries and also domestically on

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Pataki proposes tuition help for families of victims

◆ Eligible recipients of aid will include families of victims.

Stephanie Hankin
Cornell Daily Sun (Cornell U.)

(U-WIRE) ITHACA, N.Y. - Gov. George E. Pataki proposed legislation last week that would provide families of victims of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 with free tuition to New York's public colleges.

Under Pataki's "World Trade Center Memorial Scholarship" plan, the state would pay the whole cost of attendance to any State University of New York (SUNY) or City University of New York (CUNY) institution for the spouses and children of victims or grant them an equivalent amount to attend a private college or university in the State.

The scholarships, worth about \$12,000 a year would cover tuition, fees, room, board and transportation, Pataki said. Officials estimate that the new scholarships would be valued at more than \$47,500 for four

years of study.

Eligible recipients of aid will include families of victims — including those who lived out-of-state — who died or were seriously injured in the attacks on the World Trade Center.

Scholarships for the spouses and children of victims who died in the other Sept. 11 attacks, including the attack on the Pentagon and the crash of United Flight 93 in Pennsylvania, would also be available.

"We have pledged to stand with the families of those killed by last week's outrageous and cowardly attacks on the World Trade Center and today we take a small but important step to keep that pledge," Pataki said in a press release. "These families should not have to worry about how they are going to pay for college and with this measure, they will never have to."

To go into effect, the legislation would have to pass the State Senate and Assembly.

Pataki's legislation would also broaden an existing program,

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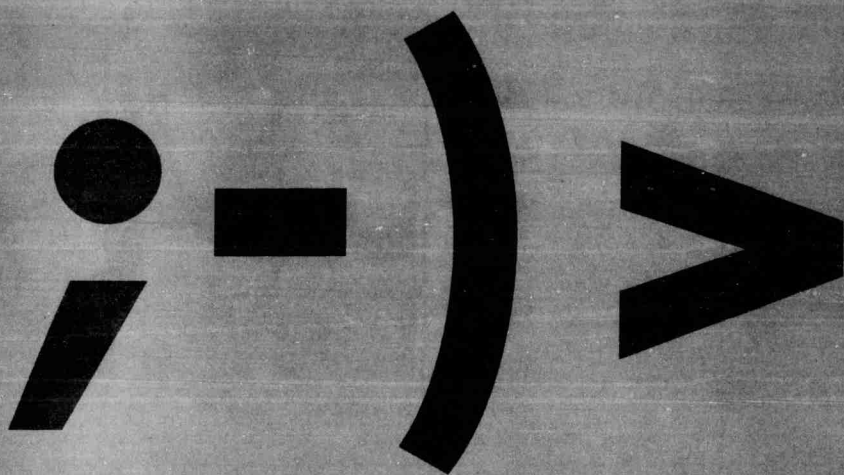


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environmental policy issues, perhaps those of health and sanitation," she said.

"The environment is something we take for granted, and that attitude cannot perpetuate. If it should, then we will have much more serious problems to deal with in the near future," she said.

Welf has already been involved in several projects as an undergraduate in the field of wood and paper science. He has

worked with several NCSU wood and paper science professors to create new technologies that will enhance the efficiency of paper recycling.

He has also been published in the journal *Progress in Paper Recycling*. In addition, Welf has presented projects at the NCSU Undergraduate Research Symposium two years in a row, winning an award in 2000.

"I'd like to encourage people to apply if they have any interest at all in these areas," said Welf. "I didn't honestly think that I had that good of a chance, but what they're looking for is a variety of different individuals with a variety of talents."

SAFETY

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He said the routine traffic stops have revealed quite a few other violations, including driving while license is revoked and DWIs, as well as finding people with outstanding warrants.

"In those cases, we take the appropriate action," said Barnwell. "We're not just dealing with traffic, but it's great if we can get those people off the streets."

know is that there's an incumbent, and there's a student. It's important for students to hear what both sides have to say."

Boyle said the debate will serve as a great opportunity for students to hear the candidates and get involved because "students have been uninvolved, especially on the municipal level where we make up a large part of the constituency."

Duggins said Michael Gardner, a third candidate, was contacted to participate in the debate but had not responded to the request.

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asked by Payne. The following time will allow students the chance to pose their questions.

Duggins said some major issues brought up at the debate are the nuisance party ordinance, the efforts to improve citywide public transportation and the revitalization of Hillsborough Street.

"While we're sure N.C. State students will have concerns

about the nuisance party ordinance, it is equally important that we consider all the issues that our city councilman will have to deal with in the coming years," she said. "Our commitment to democracy should be stronger than ever, so all this meeting will do is ensure an educated democracy."

Worham Boyle, another student organizer, said an additional issue that is likely to be brought up at the debate is the Oberlin/Coker Towers issue.

"We really encourage student questions," he said. "All students

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The Memorial Scholarship for Families of Deceased Police Officers and Firefighters, that guarantees a college education to the families of police and firefighters who are killed on the job by extending the same benefit to fallen Emergency Medical Service workers' families.

"This commitment, which will cover those who may be seriously injured in the difficult and dangerous work still ahead, will ensure that the families of our heroes will receive our support not only today but in five, ten, or 20 years, when they are ready to attend college," Pataki said.

Pataki will also direct the Board of Trustees at SUNY and CUNY to implement the proposed policy immediately.

Cornell University officials have expressed their support of Pataki's plan.

"I'm sure we will participate in this program," said Henrik N. Dullea '61, vice president for University relations. "We haven't seen the details of Gov. Pataki's plan as yet, but my understanding is that private colleges such as Cornell would receive from the State of New York the same amount of reimbursement that is provided for the state-operated campuses of SUNY."

Thomas Keane, director of the Office of Financial Aid and Student Employment, also supported Pataki's proposal. "I agree that the proposed legislation by Gov. Pataki is a good idea as public policy. I am pleased to note that student choices are not limited to SUNY and CUNY as the private colleges are also included in the proposal, to receive the SUNY or CUNY level of benefit," he said.

Prof. John Sipple, education, noted that in addition to being a compassionate gesture, Pataki's plan would attract more students to New York State colleges and universities.

"This is quite a nice gesture in light of the tragic events of last week. This will certainly offer an enticing opportunity for many families who might otherwise not have as many options. This is also a nice opportunity for the SUNY system to attract a greater number of students, and in the case of the Pentagon victims, attract students who might not otherwise look at the [New York] State public universities," he said.

Sipple does not know how this legislation may impact the New York State budget. "Notwithstanding the loss of tuition revenue, it could be a win-win for both the families and SUNY. From a budget standpoint, I do not know how much of an impact this will have on the state budgets in future years nor how much of this is driven by political ambitions in Albany," he said.

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Come fly with us - again

IF MICHAEL JORDAN WANTS TO COME OUT OF RETIREMENT TO PLAY IN THE NBA ONCE AGAIN, HE SHOULD DO IT.

For what it's worth, if the greatest athlete ever to play the game of basketball wants to come out of retirement a second time to rejoin the ranks of the NBA, Technician will support him. His comeback, according to the Associated Press, is all but official. Michael Jordan is expected to announce the reasons for his return to basketball sometime this week, possibly today.

When it became obvious that he was the most potent scorer in the NBA, critics attacked his defensive skills - he went out and won the Defensive Player of the Year award ... several times. After returning to the NBA midseason after an abrupt retirement following the untimely death of his father and shot at a minor league baseball career, doubters were abound. What did Michael do? He won three more championships after using fine-tuning his game during a summer off.

There are two main reasons Jordan should return: one, it's ultimately his decision, not the fans, and two, the lackluster NBA needs some help from a leader and star like Mike. Even though many fans think Jordan's decision to play baseball was a foolish one, he wasn't even an average minor leaguer. Michael would say it's the right decision; he had a dream and he followed it, only this time, he didn't quite achieve it.

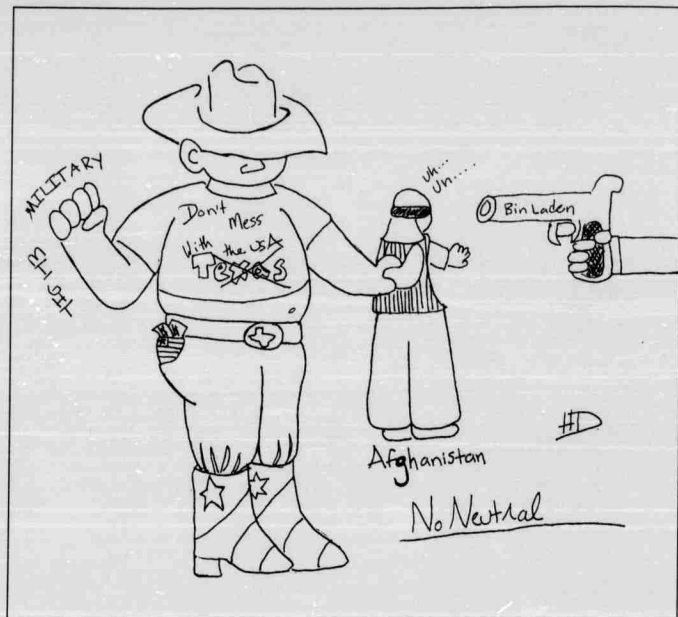
Right now, Jordan is claiming he misses basketball, his passion, and he wants to play again. Who else was on the Airness' parade? If Michael

Jordan's life has shown the public anything, it is that if Michael Jordan truly wants to do something, he will most likely do it (and do it well), or die trying.

Many fear that at 38, even the greatest can no longer be great. It's a concern that if he returns as even just a better than average player, he will tarnish his mythological record of greatness. However, nothing can discredit what Michael Jordan has done, not even a sub-par season with the Washington Wizards. His record speaks for itself, always has and always will.

The NBA desperately wants Jordan to come back for business; we want him back for entertainment. When the NBA finals are dominated not by fantastic play but by the immature, soap opera-like behavior of two teammates and stars, we realize the void Jordan left behind. There is one thing for sure: Jordan will be a competitor. We must wait and watch to see how competitive, in the performance sense of the word, he will be.

Jordan, almost single-handedly, created one of the most dominant basketball dynasties ever. That will not happen again now (or possibly ever). When you have reached the level of achievement Michael Jordan has, you have nothing to prove. And if you have nothing to prove, then you have nothing to lose. Michael should come back for his own benefit. Fans, hold your breath, as Mr. Jordan takes flight once again.



Sharks and War

Jonathan Smith
STAFF COLUMNIST

A moment at Myrtle Beach last weekend sticks out in my mind. I walked barefoot across hot planks of a high pier; a brackish breeze stroked my face. I saw an anxious ocean circulate its water throughout the world. Incidentally, a random thought of the destruction a couple weeks ago (I can't remember quite what it was) entered my mind. My head dropped, its eyes rested on the waves below. A sleek, white, 8-foot animal with a high fin swam by and frightened me out of my state of mind.

This striking moment led me to wonder what happened to all the big news about shark attacks. What happened to that tragedy I can't seem to recall. I wonder why stories about bin Laden and war with Afghanistan deluge the media right now.

Until I saw a shark prowling the pier, memory of David Peltier, the boy at Virginia Beach who had his leg bitten off and had suffered lethal blood loss, entirely escaped me. For weeks, I hadn't even thought of the gruesome attack on Sergi Zaloukaev and his girlfriend, leaving his body lifelessly masticated and hers alive to endure despair.

While we to the sea, it occurred to me once again how horrible a shark attack can be. Almost as horrible, I thought,

as a death trap inside of a towering inferno, but where did that come from?

Moreover, Jessie Arbogast recently spoke to his family after having his arm reattached. What a wonderful survival story it was - almost as poignant as living to escape a hijacked airplane.

In spite of these incidents, "Shark Terror" has not had the coverage it once possessed. I only suppose some other dominate trend rose to the media's interest, but what was that? I know it dealt with emotional pain, human loss, and national anguish. I also know the MLB and NFL still request a moment of silence before every game to remember something about it. For better or worse, though, the topic nevertheless lost the media's favor and swam the way of shark attacks.

Bin Laden, however, with his conspiratorial Taliban remains popular, as our war with Afghanistan and the plummeting stock market demand national interest. And why shouldn't it?

Sadly though, sooner or much later, after Bin Laden is captured and has a public execution broadcast worldwide, talks of war with Afghanistan will pass. In spite of that, our government will persistently pursue terrorists around the world while the story of it will escape our media's memory.

Returning to my quandary, why shark news has given way to a vague tragedy, only to subside to a new buzz about war, the reasons must be obvious.

Attention is best focused when undivided. The media must choose a vital topic of the utmost pertinence. Otherwise, readers will get too confused about what's important. Right now, a nameless shark has no right to share publicity with Osama bin Laden, when sharks only concern certain geographic areas.

Another reason might be that incessant news, like a steady stream of Janine Garofalo's punch lines, just gets so boring it can't hold an audience any longer. For example, the reason a mysterious tragedy, despite the extreme magnitude of its atrocity, momentarily leaves me is because it just got to where readers couldn't stand it.

In summary, I suppose we may now explain news media trends. They are determined by two distinct factors. First, new and important news replaces old and not so important news-both of which are determined by media, not reader. Two, any news replaces boring news. Is this decided by reader?

On the pier, a seagull excreted urea on Jonathan's shoulder. Share any concerns and differing opinions by emailing him at jdsmit14@unity.ncsu.edu.

Businesses, scam artists showing America's bad side

The Post

(U - WIRE) ATHENS, Ohio - Some people wishing to make a donation to disaster relief funds have turned to the Internet. But so have many scam artists hoping to make a profit off people's generosity.

Many of these scams come in the form of spam, or unsolicited e-mails. Messages will claim to provide links to a "disaster relief fund." But these links are not connected to any legitimate relief fund. The e-mails try to confuse readers by providing a link to a false Web site and then get people to use their credit cards to donate money.

Another common type of e-mail attempts to sell the reader illegally pirated software, promising a portion of the profits will go to disaster relief funds. This type of ad not only exploits the disasters; it also is stealing from software companies.

Using a national disaster for personal gain is deplorable. Donors are trying to help the victims of a national crisis and should not have to worry about potential scam artists trying to fling them out of their money.

But fake disaster relief funds are not the only online pitfalls for potential donors. Several companies have tried to spin the attacks and use them as marketing tools. Companies selling everything from term life insurance to pornography have used the attacks to their advantage.

One insurance company asked people to donate to the American Red Cross, then offered a 70 percent discount on

term life insurance. Another company went so far as to send e-mails stating, "No terrorists here! Join our porn site, turn off the TV, quit watching the crap happening in the states and join our free site!"

Using a national disaster to sell your service is using poor judgement. Advertisements using this as a marketing tool must stop.

If people want to donate, there are viable Internet sites that can provide information.

• The American Red Cross Web Site (<http://www.redcross.org>) has the ability to take donations over the Internet and also has a contact list so donors can get in touch with local chapters so citizens can donate locally.

• PayPal (<http://www.paypal.com>) is a Web site that offers the ability to make and send payments over the Internet. They have set up an account that will go to disaster relief sites.

• Other Web sites, such as online retailer Amazon (<http://www.amazon.com>) and Internet search engine Yahoo! (<http://www.yahoo.com>) have established links to the Red Cross donation Web site.

In addition, donations can be made in many Uptown businesses and at the Athens Chapter of the American Red Cross, 100 S. May Ave.

Donating to the disaster relief fund is a virtuous gesture, but turning a national disaster into a marketing tool and setting up fake relief funds for profit proves there is a seedy side of American society.

Kate Lingerfelt
STAFF COLUMNIST

When I hear anything about the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, I get a bitter taste in the back of my mouth. When I see that disgusting shade of blue, I have to turn my head. For my entire life, I have detested UNC-Chapel Hill, and I will continue to dislike them until the day I die. This hatred started about two generations before I was even born. My grandfather had always been a Duke fan (well, we can't all be perfect), and he went to an UNC-Duke football game. During that game, the UNC quarterback went down. While all the UNC fans held their breath, my grandfather stood up and shouted, "Get him off the field!"

The UNC fans who were sharing an umbrella with my grandparents took it away, leaving them sitting in the rain. Heated words were exchanged, then shouting. My grandfather, my great uncle and the UNC fan toppled down the bleachers. They got taken to jail, and my grandmother had to come bail them out.

So that's how the utter distaste for UNC began in my family, and it was fueled even more when my dad attended North Carolina State University (a wise decision on his part). Now I don't know all the stories about my dad yet because I'm sure he is waiting until I graduate so I don't get any crazy ideas while I'm here.

Mostly I remember screams at the TV during basketball games; sometimes he was so angry he couldn't even get the words out. One time my uncle (not a blood relation) sent a UNC hat to my father after they had beaten us. My dad returned it filled with dog doo (fake

stuff - we aren't completely insane).

I'm afraid that my family's feelings towards UNC just get worse with each generation. I wasn't too bad until my sophomore year. I lived and died with our basketball team that year (mostly died). I was also almost ejected from the game when a security guard thought I was going to attack Kris Lang. All I was doing was just telling him what he already knows about his physical appearance, just in more colorful words.

I was content to hate Chapel Hill, making fun of their wine and cheese crowds. I was happy in the fact that we are the better school. Then my sister started her freshman year at, where else? UNC.

As much as I hate UNC football and basketball and their high and mighty fans, I have to support my sister. It surprised me that many of my friends thought I might actually disown my sister, but blood is thicker than

water. It also helps that my sister doesn't seem to be die-hard UNC, so there is still a chance to win her back.

Here is my plea to you as fans. Yell. Bring posters. Don't forget to remind Carolina at all times that they are in the house of the Wolfpack and that we command respect. Celebrate as much as possible when we win. Go cruising up and down Hillsborough Street. Bring the party to the campus.

But, under no circumstances, no matter how much you may want to - do not tear down the goalposts. This is a game we should win, so don't act like it was a gigantic victory. It is just another victory on our way to be champions. As fellow columnist Holly Bezant suggested, walk away from the goalposts, and then go out and celebrate the humiliation of UNC.

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CARTOONS FROM OUR YOUTH SHOW THAT THE CARTOONS OF TODAY JUST DON'T HAVE IT.

Rachael Rogers
Staff Writer

Saturday morning. Sleep in. Cereal and cartoons. Sound good? Yet, when the television is turned on, what do you see? Barney, Pokemon, Powerpuff girls, Thomas the Train. What's up with those shows anyway? And a purple dinosaur who sings cheesy songs with kids who act all too happy. Come on, right?

Cartoons are not the same. Somewhere between 1989 and now, cartoons have gone completely awry. Those poor kids today, even though nothing else in the '80s seemed right (big hair, funky clothes, New Kids on the Block), at least we had great cartoons.

Kids today just don't know what they've missed out on. Growing up, we had cartoons that were cool. "Scooby Doo," "The Jetsons," "Alvin and the Chipmunks," "G.I. Joe," "Fraggle Rock," "Transformers," "Voltron," and even "My Little Pony." The list of great cartoons goes on and on.

Remember "DuckTales"? It ran from 1988-1989 as a daily afternoon show. Since then, "DuckTales" has been shown as part of Disney's reruns. "DuckTales" was the first daily animated television show from Walt Disney Studios and was supposed to be the duck's answer to "Raiders of the Lost Ark." The show was about Donald's rich Uncle Scrooge McDuck's adventures, accompanied by Louie, Dewey and Huey.

"Dance your cares away, worries for another day, let the music play, down at Fraggle Rock!" The Fraggles were teeny creatures who lived under Doc and his dog Sprack. Living with the Fraggles were Doozers, who

were workers that built structures that the Fraggles would eat. Besides buildings, the Fraggles depended on radishes, and the only place to get radishes was by Ma, Pa and Junior Gorg, whom the Fraggles were terrified of.

Sophomore Amy Young watched Fraggles Rock because "the Fraggles were really funny. And as a kid the story line was interesting. They were really cute too."

The Fraggles also had to pass through those scary creatures' gardens in order to go to Marjorie, the wise talking trash heap. Jim Henson's idea is that this show would teach the world to live in peace. Fraggles always taught the viewer a lesson without preaching or acting condescendingly.

And do you remember "The Smurfs"? You know the ones — the teeny blue things (what are they anyway?) who lived in mushroom houses, ran around the woods and tried to make Gargamel, the evil wizard, look foolish.

The Smurfs were actually invented around 1957 but didn't make it to television until 1982. The show, throughout its run, was actually controversial (leave it up to those grown-ups). Many believed it to be sexist.

However, the show endured nearly a decade, ending in 1989. Sophomore Michael Fogleman commented that he liked the Smurfs and watched it growing up because "it had little blue people that were funny."

Another favorite cartoon, especially for girls, was "Jem and the Holograms."

"I watched Jem and the Holograms because I liked the 'music videos' and I had the dolls. It was a fun show," Sophomore Karren Meyer

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Blood suckers

Joel Isaac Frady
Assistant Features Editor

Starting this Wednesday, Sept. 26, University Theatre will be presenting its second big show of the year with an adaptation of Brian Stoker's "Dracula" in Stewart Theatre. The play uses a recent stage adaptation by Steven Dietz, which premiered at the Arizona Theater Company in 1995. The play is directed by Terri Janney (who directed "Brighton Beach Memoirs" last February) and stars Brian Tavenner, Gina Lawrence, Eric Corley and Byron Jennings.

Of the Dietz version, director Janney says that she was "first struck by the intensity of the script and its horror. But as I read further, I felt a strong underlying current of something more than just a 'fright' script. I felt this repressed sexuality oozing through the pores of the characters and I immediately knew I found my concept." She also stated that this adaptation was closer to the tone of the novel than others, and that much of the dialogue is lifted directly from the novel.

Dracula is played by two different actors, with Tavenner (Romeo in last spring's "Romeo and Juliet") playing the young Dracula and Pepper Jobe ("The Drunkard") playing the older Dracula. About playing the character, Jobe says, "He's a character that's not of this world, and I'm not going to find ways that I can relate to him, so I have to find ways to physically embody him."

Tavenner says he enjoys the role because he's never gotten the chance to scare anyone like this, to be the object of fright, noting that "the part isn't really the lead, but it's where the feel

comes from."

Byron Jennings ("Boys in the Band"), who plays Renfield, says the play is "dark and sensual," and the audience can look forward to its "sense of mystery and terror. They should never know what to expect next."

Janney also states that the play was appealing because of its "absence of the melodramatic quality that many Draculas have. Horror must be played straight or it turns into camp."

About the rehearsal schedule, Shane Waring ("Once in a Lifetime") says, "It was such a short rehearsal period, so there was a lot going on in a short period of time. For an actor it means memorizing lines and developing a character at the same time, and usually you have more time to think about that kind of stuff."

Kim Vershave, who plays the maid, says that the cast "made it fun backstage because everyone is really into the show, and everyone wants to create the atmosphere that is needed for the play."

To round out the feel of the show, John McIlwhee and John Andrews created a "wonderful, crumbling Gothic-like set" and said that the scenic, technical and lighting elements will "assist the audience in their emotional plight of watching 'Dracula.'"

Jennings says that overall "it's a great cast with a great director. A lot of hard work has gone into it and we just want audiences to enjoy it."

"Dracula" opens this Wednesday, September 26, and plays through Sunday, September 30. Tickets can be purchased at Ticker Central by stopping by their office on the second floor of Talley Student Center or calling 515-1100.

IMAGE PHOTO: <http://www.draculastudentcenter.com>





Two Exhibits on Display in the Gallery of Art and Design

Nicolette Allen
Staff Writer

On Thursday, Sept. 20, students, faculty and local art enthusiasts gathered in N.C. State's Gallery of Art and Design for the opening of its brand new exhibit. Entitled "Passionate Collectors," the exhibit displays the rather extensive collection of Sonia and Isaac Lusk.

Organized in conjunction with the Hickory Museum of Art in Hickory, N.C., the exhibit of 95 art objects features the work of many regional artists.

Originally from Cuba, the Luskis came to North Carolina in the early 1960s as émigrés from Castro's purported liberation of Cuba. Their art collection grew as they began to learn more about North Carolina and developed a love for the art work of various North Carolinians.

Although known for being the best collectors of glass crafts by the craft community, the Luskis have also collected ceramics, textiles, metal, wood, works on paper

and paintings throughout their four decades of collecting.

"To be whole you have to have everything. It's serendipity; we started with paintings and ended up with everything else as well," says Sonia Lusk on the varied nature of their collection. Though heavily populated by glass vases and small sculptures, the exhibit has a high number of oil paintings as well.

The Luskis are very excited about the exhibit's visit to the Gallery of Art and Design.

"It's exciting because it's one of the best universities in the country, and it prepares (some of) the best architects in the country. It (also) excites us because we don't care where the show is, we just want it to be seen. We want the young people to see it," says Lusk.

Sharing their love for art has always been important to the Luskis, as they have given heavily to local southern art museums, including the Gallery of Art and Design.

The Luskis eventually plan on giving away the entire

"Passionate Collectors" collection. The "Passionate Collectors" exhibit will be on display in the Gallery of Art and Design until December 20.

Also on display in the Gallery of Art and Design in the Cannon Gallery is a small exhibit of sculptor Daniel Jocz. The exhibit, entitled, "Uncommon Sense: A Retrospective Exhibition" features works spanning the 20-year career of Jocz.

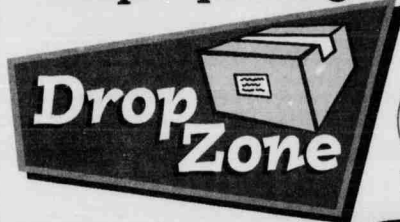
Jocz, who began to focus on the creation of jewelry in the 1980s, incorporated many aspects of architecture, sculpture and painting in the various works on display. All of the pieces, though minimal in their approach, are stunningly beautiful and unique.

"Uncommon Sense" was organized by Western Carolina University and will be on display in the Cannon Gallery of the Gallery of Art and Design until September 30.

(UPPER LEFT) ISAAC AND SONIA LUSKI. (LOWER LEFT) TWO OF THE MANY PIECES OF GLASS ART IN THE LUSKI EXHIBIT. (UPPER RIGHT) VISITOR VIEW THE LUSKI EXHIBIT. ALL PHOTOS BY KYLE RODGERS' STAFF



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This is a cartoon that the Spice Girls must have watched regularly; Jem and the Holograms capture the Spice image well, or should we say, the Spice Girls capture Jem's image well? This show was started to rival Mattel's Barbie and was pretty successful.

In 1985, this MTV-influenced cartoon appeared on the Super Sunday Block and had such success that the next year it was given its own half-hour syndicated series. The show specialized in some social issues, such as poverty and illiteracy, because Jem (Jerrica's alter-ego) sent the proceeds from her music to the Starlight Foundation. The series lasted until 1987.

"Have you heard, have you heard, have you heard? Kids Incorporated, K-I-D-S!" The Kids Incorporated used '60s, '70s and especially '80s music

to sing about issues such as what to do if you liked rock music, but your friend only liked Shakespeare or how to turn a leprechaun into a rock-star.

This group was a pre-teen cover band who was upbeat and every '80s child's idea of a

So, the verdict is in. Everyone asked thinks that cartoons in the '80s were better than now. Maybe it was the animation or the imagination involved. Or maybe it is because we are just biased since these are the cartoons we grew up on. But most people generally agree that cartoons then surpass the stuff kids are forced to watch these days.

Senior David Andrey sums it up. "They're what we grew up with. And watching the cartoons can bring up memories and remind us of our childhood. We're more familiar with the characters and can identify with them. They also had better plots. That's what makes those cartoons superior to those of today."



rock-star. The show premiered syndicated in 1983 and was picked up by Disney in 1986. It ran syndicated until 1993.

"Kids Incorporated" was a spunky cartoon and Freshman Kristen Andrey watched it because "it was singing and dancing and I felt that I could really relate to the kids. They had real problems and it was funny the way they solved them. It just entertained me on days when I was bored."

"[Editor's note: 'DuckTales' was based on the 1940s 'Uncle Scrooge Adventures' created by Carl Barks while working for Walt Disney. 'DuckTales' used many of the old comic plots and usually substituted the Launchpad McQuack character in the cartoon instead of the original comic book casting of Donald Duck.]

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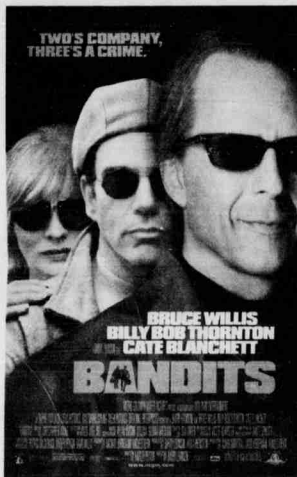


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Women's soccer falls to FSU in OT

◆ N.C. State's Jordan Allison netted her first goal of the season in the loss.

Sports Staff Report

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Jez Ratliff scored both of the goals for the 17th-ranked Florida State women's soccer team in a 2-1 overtime victory over N.C. State at Seminole Soccer Stadium Saturday evening.

Florida State moved to 5-2 overall and 2-0 in the ACC, while the Wolfpack dropped to 2-4 overall and 0-2 in confer-

ence play.

Junior Jordan Allison tallied her first goal of 2001 for State at the 37:10 mark of the first half on assists from junior Lauren Bendahan and senior Kelly Blaggie. That goal followed Ratliff's first goal just 2:02 in the match on a feed from Camie Bybee and Maren Vik Edwardsen.

Ratliff netted the "Golden Goal" in the 96th minute of action on a pass from Cindy Schofield just inside the Pack box for her third goal of the season.

After getting outshot 8-6 in the

first 45 minutes of action, the Pack dictated most of the action in the second half, launching 13 second-half shots to just two for the Seminoles. For the game, State won the shooting battle 20-11.

The game, which was scheduled for a 1 p.m. start, was delayed two hours due to lightning in the Tallahassee, Fla., area.

The Pack will next face off with Wake Forest Friday at 7 p.m. in Winston-Salem. The Demon Deacons beat State 2-1 in double overtime last year in Raleigh.

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The third game was a trying one for State as it struggled to an uncharacteristic .054 hitting percentage and lost 19-30.

In the fourth game, State answered Byrne's call and played an inspired match. The game featured several long rallies and good digs on both sides of the court. The Pack finally won the game 30-27 to take the match.

"We were really tired mentally and emotionally and faced too much fire out there on the court and just lost control of it," said Byrne. "I was real proud of how

they came out in that fourth game and started strong instead of letting the team get out. So it was a strong start in that fourth game, and I think that brought us back in it in the end."

Against Virginia (5-4, 1-1), the Pack started strong, but a lack of consistency across the board led to the loss. In the first game, State hit 21 kills and a .348 hitting percentage with only five errors to win 30-26.

Throughout the next three games, however, State managed only 30 total kills and had a poor .092 hitting percentage, falling 19-30, 18-30, 21-30.

Charece Williams had 18 kills and 44 total attempts to lead the Pack. Melanie Rowe, with 10 kills, was the only other player for State to reach double digits

in that category. State also had only 54 defensive digs and nine service return errors.

State's next match will be a tough one as the Pack will take on a Duke squad that has won 10 consecutive contests. With the first conference victory in hand, however, the Pack should be prepared and more relaxed the rest of the season.

"It's a tough schedule for us, but I think we just need to take it one game at a time and be happy with this win and keep moving forward and hope that there are more wins behind that."

Lindi Sheppard, however, captured the excitement of the team after its victory.

"I'm ready to go," she said.

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chance to win any football game you're in," Amato said. "And I've told people all along they've got a great defensive football team."

The Heels defense starts up front with a line that Amato said is "as good as any front four I've ever seen." At the heart of that group is defensive end Julius Peppers, who led the nation in sacks last year with 15. Against FSU, Peppers tied a career high with 10 tackles, four of which were for a loss, and picked off a pass.

Much of State's attention this week will be dedicated to finding ways to contain Peppers and the rest of UNC's defensive line.

"The game is going to get won up front," Amato said. "Their strength defensively is their front seven, and our weakness on offense is our offensive line. That's quite a matchup there."

Amato announced near the end of the press conference that freshman wide receiver Chris Murray rejoined the team Sunday. Amato said Murray returned to his home in Florida for a couple of days last week for "personal reasons" and missed the game against SMU.



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UNC's 'D'-line creates concern

◆ N.C. State faces one of the more imposing defensive fronts in the country this weekend.

Jeremy Ashton

Sports Editor

With Saturday's game against Southern Methodist now in the past, N.C. State spent Monday evaluating what it needs to work on before this weekend's game with rival North Carolina.

The Wolfpack (2-0) got by the Mustangs 26-17 on the road, but head coach Chuck Amato wasn't pleased with how his team played.

"We're a young team, and in the first game away from home, we didn't play as well as we could have," Amato said at his weekly press conference. "We

made entirely too many mistakes. It's really like we played two first games."

One of the major problems for the Pack over the weekend was penalties. As a team, State was flagged nine times for 80 yards and watched penalties nullify three forced turnovers.

As a result, the defense ended up on the field longer than should have and had problems stopping the run, yielding 165 yards on the ground.

"I was upset at the fact that we were undisciplined," Amato said. "We had our opportunities. We had three turnovers that would have taken the defense off the field."

Amato and the Pack now shift their focus to the Tar Heels, who upset perennial ACC favorite Florida State 41-9, the Seminoles' worst regular-season loss since 1985. UNC entered the game 0-3 with losses on the road to

Oklahoma, Maryland and Texas.

UNC's win over FSU adds a new dimension to this weekend's game with the Pack. State linebacker Levor Fisher thinks the Pack will concentrate even harder this week after watching the Heels blow out the Seminoles.

"I guess we would have been kind of laid back a little bit," Fisher said. "These guys are down, and they're going to come in here just moping around. But now, they've got something to really play for."

The thought of the Seminoles getting blown out by an 0-3 team sent shock waves through the conference, but Amato said, even though he was amazed by the Heels' margin of victory, the outcome didn't surprise him.

"If you can play defense, you've got a

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Levor Fisher and the Pack will stare down UNC on Saturday.

FOOTBALL

The upside down ACC

Before the season started, football experts around the ACC felt this would be a year of upheaval in the conference.

Florida State has been the powerhouse of the league ever since it joined the ACC, but with most of its starters gone from last year's Orange Bowl team, many thought Georgia Tech or Clemson could wrest control away from the Seminoles.

The conference looked ready for a wild year, but there was a very clear pecking order with FSU at the top, Tech a notch below and Clemson and N.C. State next in line.

In a matter of few hours Saturday, all that changed.

For just the third time in 10 years, the Seminoles lost an ACC game, but it wasn't one of the teams that was expected to challenge them. North Carolina, a team that was blown out on the road in each of its first three games, scored 34 unanswered points to demolish FSU 41-9.

At Clemson, the Tigers looked like sure favorites against a Virginia team that was playing without star tailback Antwoine Womack and nearly lost to Division I-A Richmond two weeks ago. Instead, the Cavaliers got a last-second touchdown pass from Bryson Spinner to Billy McMullen, who may or may not have pushed off his defender, and stole a 26-24 win.

In a matchup of two unlikely unbeatable teams, Maryland got 276 yards rushing from Bruce Perry and beat Wake Forest 27-20 to go to 2-0 in the ACC.

The craziness extended to Dallas, where State took on the same SMU team it beat by 41 points last year. The Wolfpack got out of Texas with a win, which was the most important thing, but not without getting a major scare.

Duke even pulled off a major surprise in its game with Northwestern. The Blue Devils were actually tied 7-7 with the Wildcats — in the first quarter. Northwestern then rattled off the last 37 points of the game to win easily.

The ACC standings look like something out of a bizarre parallel universe right now with the traditional favorites leading the usual haves. And while there's still plenty of time left in the season, Saturday's games proved a lot about the direction the conference will take this year.

Aside from losing a ton of seniors to graduation, FSU has been cursed by bad luck, watching player after player go down with injuries. Even with the Seminoles' depth, those losses aren't easy to withstand. FSU will still pull it together and have a good season, but its streaks of consecutive top-five finishes and 10-win seasons are likely about to end.

The Tigers may not have been as strong as everyone thought they were, although they have a chance to prove otherwise this weekend. Clemson takes on Georgia Tech, which hasn't played an ACC game yet but now looks like the clear favorite in the conference. A loss for Clemson against the Yellow Jackets could turn any chance it has of claiming the conference title.

Maryland's win against the Heels a few weeks ago suddenly looks a lot more impressive. The Terrapins still haven't played any of the big boys and probably won't contend for the conference title, but they're looking more and more like a group that could snag a bowl bid.

If nothing else, all this wackiness makes Saturday's State-UNC game that much more interesting. The Heels' win over FSU may have been the best thing that could have happened for the Pack. If any of the State players were taking the Heels lightly, they certainly aren't anymore.

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Opportunity to set new ways

◆ N.C. State freshman setter Lindi Sheppard has assumed a starting role for the Wolfpack.

Justin Sellers

Staff Writer

The 2001 season is full of new faces for the N.C. State volleyball team. The resignation of former head coach Kim Hall paved the way for a new era to begin under Mary Byrne. Joining Byrne in her trip from South Dakota State were her assistant coaches, as well.

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Many things have changed since then, including new players and the overall performance of the team. Unlike last year's squad, this year's team has more intensity, more physical strength and a deep burning passion to take Wolfpack volleyball to the top of the conference.

Of these new faces, one in particular is getting the opportunity to step right in and show the fans, as well as opponents, that she's the real deal.

Born in Johannesburg, South Africa,

Lindi Sheppard became known as a talented athlete from an early age. She won the South African National Championship for Level 5 gymnastics at the age of six. Further, she reached stardom again at the ages of 10 and 11, winning the Massachusetts state title for Level 7 and 8 gymnastics.

Sheppard then went on to become a standout performer at Clover Hill High School in Midlothian, Va. There, she participated in gymnastics and swimming and lettered in volleyball four years in a row.

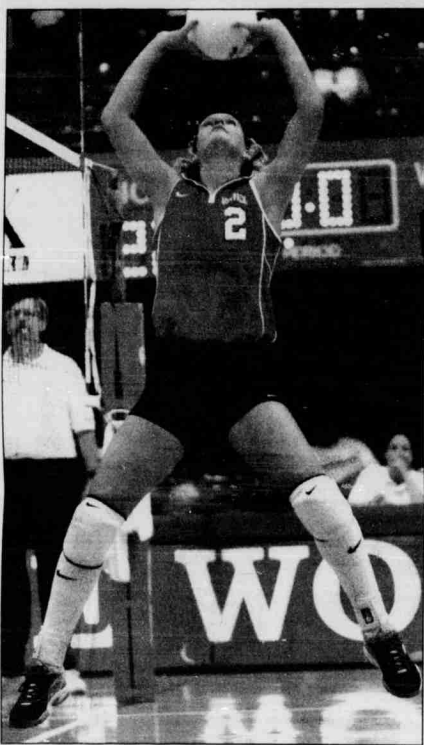
"At an early age, I was never involved in any team sports," said Sheppard. "With gymnastics and swimming, I always focused on perfection. Then as a freshman in high school, I wanted to try a team sport and was encouraged to try out for volleyball. With volleyball, I learned how to open up and play as a team. I never knew how fun it would be."

As a junior, Sheppard was named to the all-district, all-region and all-academic teams. Like many athletes, she worked harder prior to her senior year, and it surely paid off. Not only was she selected to the previous teams she was a part of her junior year, but she was also an addition to the All-Metro Richmond and all-state teams.

For the Pack, Sheppard has stepped into the starting role at the setter position this year. Although there are still many things to learn under Byrne, Sheppard has helped her part in assuring State positive play and results so far this season.

With a weekend that featured two Atlantic Coast Conference matches against Virginia and Maryland, the Pack was hungry for its first conference wins of the season. Although State came out on the latter end of a 3-1 victory for the Cavaliers, it did get a great team effort to obtain a win over the Terrapins. In that match, Sheppard came up big, racking up six kills, 50 assists, four service aces and 11 digs.

"Lindi is a very quick and agile athlete," Byrne said before the season. "She brings good size and club experience heading into her first season. She is a very versatile player who is a very effective hitter offensively."



Freshman setter Lindi Sheppard stepped into the starting lineup for the volleyball team in the first match of the season.

In the game of volleyball, the setter position is like the quarterback position for football. With it comes the role of leading the team.

"I look to bring leadership," said Sheppard. "As a setter, I have to give the team support and show leadership. There are three players in my position on the team, and we all work together during matches and during practice. We all talk about what we are doing right and wrong. Coach Byrne has worked with me as well and has really raised my level of play."

Despite how talented Sheppard is, her skills go way beyond the court. As a high school student, she exhibited just as much effort as she did as an athlete, graduating as a member of three honor societies: National Honor Society, National Art Society and National Spanish Honor Society.

Sheppard, a graphic design major in State's School of Design, will look to continue the success she experienced in high school on the court and in the classroom throughout her time here at State.

Volleyball grabs first ACC win

◆ N.C. State lost to Virginia on Friday but defeated Maryland a day later to even its conference record.

Jay Kohler

Staff Writer

The N.C. State volleyball team managed a split in its opening conference matches this weekend. The Wolfpack lost to Virginia 3-1 on Friday at Reynolds Coliseum but bounced back and defeated Maryland 3-1 on Saturday night.

The win was the first conference victory for the Pack under new head

coach Mary Byrne. State (5-4, 1-1 ACC) came out strong in the first game with 17 kills and a .438 hitting percentage.

"I think our first win in the conference was probably a tough battle for us because it's just more of a mental thing than physical," said Byrne. "It's a great win and these players deserve it. They worked hard, executed the game plan, made adjustments and executed totally, so I'm really pleased with how they really played smart ball."

Charcee Williams had 18 kills, a match high, and Alison Kreager's 17 kills and .433 hitting percentage helped support the attack.

"Last night we weren't playing up to our ability, but tonight we really like determined that we were gonna fight for every ball," said Kreager after beating the Terrapins. "We just didn't give

up. When things looked down, we just kept going."

Byrne instituted an interesting lineup against Maryland (3-6, 0-2), starting four freshmen. The youthful squad excelled against the much more experienced Terps. Maya Mapp, who didn't play against Virginia, had a solid game with five kills and a .400 hitting percentage.

"We've been working with the freshmen long enough that it doesn't seem like it's freshmen or seniors," said Kreager. "We totally trust all of them. They're doing a great job."

After battling back from an early deficit, State went on to win 30-22. The momentum carried over, and the Pack didn't lose the lead until the third game.

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Lindi Sheppard (2) was an all-Virginia selection last year.



The Wolfpack split a pair of matches with ACC foes Virginia and Maryland over the weekend.